

CUMBERLAND COUNCIL DELEGATED PLANNING DECISION

1.	Reference No:	4/26/2206/DOC
2.	Proposed Development:	DISCHARGE OF CONDITION 3 OF PLANNING APPLICATION 4/23/2253/0L1
3.	Location:	CLEATOR MOOR LIBRARY, MARKET SQUARE, CLEATOR MOOR
4.	Parish:	Cleator Moor
5.	Constraints:	ASC Adverts - ASC;Adverts, Conservation Area - Conservation Area, Listed Building - Listed Building, Coal - Standing Advice - Data Subject To Change, Coal - Development Referral Area - Data Subject to Change
6.	Publicity Representations & Policy	Neighbour Notification Letter: NO Site Notice: NO Press Notice: NO Consultation Responses: See report Relevant Planning Policies: See report
7.	Report: Site and Location The Cleator Moor Library is located within Market Square in the centre of Cleator Moor. The building is adjoined by Council offices to the west, the Civic Hall to the southwest and a car park to the south. High Street which comprises terraces of shops and commercial premisses is situated to the north. There is an area of public realm to the north and south of the building.	

Both buildings are grade II listed and fall within the Cleator Moor Conservation Area.

Directly Relevant Planning History

- Recreational facilities and war emergency headquarters, approved in March 1989 (application reference 4/89/0069/0 relates);
- Commemorative plaque, approved in April 1993 (application reference 4/93/0119/0 relates);
- Environmental enhancement, resurfacing and railings, approved in March 1993 (application reference 4/93/0044/0 relates);
- Extension to accommodate new entrance for area, office and disabled access lift, approved in January 1997 (application reference 4/96/0888/0 relates);
- Listed Building Consent for works associated with the provision of handrails to two external ramps, approved in July 1998 (application reference 4/98/0322/0 relates);
- Listed Building Consent for works associated with sub-division of main hall to form office accommodation, approved in March 1998 (application reference 4/98/0008/0 relates);
- Listed Building Consent to fix notice board to the left of the doorway (on wall), approved in July 2005 (application reference 4/05/2392/0 relates);
- Listed Building Consent for installation of corduroy paving flags, handrails and contrast nosing to the entrance steps, approved in June 2006 (application reference 4/06/9008/0 relates);
- Install 22cm DIA. Microwave antenna, approved in May 2007 (application reference 4/07/2211/0 relates);
- Listed Building Consent for removal of boarding to 1 no. window, installation of new textured glazing and new extract fans, approved in June 2009 (application reference 4/09/2156/0 relates);
- Listed Building Consent for repointing of building with lime mortar, refurbishment of external sandstone, replacement timber windows and new disabled ramp, approved in October 2011 (application reference 4/10/2590/0L1 relates);
- Listed Building Consent to attach a security light to the premises, approved in August 2017 (application reference 4/17/2219/0L1 relates);
- Listed Building Consent for the renewal of lime lath and plaster ceilings, replacement windows, repairs to roof and pointing to chimney stack in lime, approved in October 2019 (application reference 4/19/2294/0L1 relates);



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- Listed Building Consent for works associated with the opening up of three previously bricked up windows and installation of new windows, approved in June 2021 (application reference 4/20/2452/0F1 relates);
- Opening up of three previously bricked up windows and install new windows, approved in June 2021 (application reference 4/20/2451/0F1 relates);
- Listed Building Consent for the Extension and External and Internal Alteration of the Existing Building to Create a Community Hub Including Café, Demolition of Rear Extension To Library, Retention of Decorative Lintels and Demolition of Stonework Below In 2x Locations at First Floor of Former Public Offices to Create Accessible Route With Platform Lift and Staircase From Café, Removal of Library Sliding Doors, and Reinstatement of Original Decorative Arched Entrance. Removal of Cast Iron Railings Bounding The Market Place/Town Square, Relocation of Existing Sculptures to Rear of Building, Public Realm Improvements Including Restoration of Memorial Fountain and Creation of New Landscaped Area, approved in April 2026 (application reference 4/23/2253/0L1 relates).

Proposal

This current application seeks to discharge condition 3 of Listed Building Consent reference 4/23/2253/0L1.

The condition consists of the following:

3. Prior to the carrying out of any demolition or construction work the existing listed buildings affected by the proposed development must be recorded in accordance with a Level 2 Survey as described by Historic England's document Understanding Historic Buildings A Guide to Good Recording Practice, 2016. Within 2 months of the commencement of construction works a digital copy of the resultant Level 2 Survey report must be furnished to the Local Planning Authority.

Reason

To ensure that a permanent record is made of the heritage assets of architectural and historic interest prior to their alteration as part of the proposed development and in accordance with Policies BE1 and BE2 of the Copeland Local Plan 2021-2039.

Consultation Responses

Cleator Moor Town Council

No objections.

Conservation and Design Officer

I note the submission of the photographic records for the library and local gov offices, and the report on the Memorial Fountain. I don't have any comments to make.

Historic Environment Officer

I consider the submitted building recording report fulfils the requirements of a Historic England Level 2 Survey, as specified by condition 3 attached to 4/23/2253/OL1.

Planning Policy

Planning law requires that applications for planning permission must be determined in accordance with the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Development Plan

On 1st April 2023, Copeland Borough Council ceased to exist and was replaced by Cumberland Council as part of the Local Government Reorganisation of Cumbria.

Cumberland Council inherited the local development plan documents of each of the sovereign Councils including Copeland Borough Council, which combine to form a Consolidated Planning Policy Framework for Cumberland.

The inherited the local development plan documents continue to apply to the geographic area of their sovereign Councils only.

The Consolidated Planning Policy Framework for Cumberland comprises the Development Plan for Cumberland Council until replaced by a new Cumberland Local Plan.

Copeland Local Plan 2021 - 2039 (LP):

Cumberland Council continued the preparation of the LP as commenced by Copeland Borough Council.

The policies that are relevant to this application are:

Strategic Policy DS1: Settlement Hierarchy

Strategic Policy DS2: Settlement Boundaries

Policy DS4: Design and Development Standards

Strategic Policy BE1: Heritage Assts

Policy BE2: Designated Heritage Assets

Other Material Planning Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)



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	Cumbria Development Design Guide Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (LBCA) Assessment <u>Condition 3:</u> Condition 3 required the submission of recordings of the historical fabric of the building in order that a record can be made prior to the changes proposed within the approved application. The Applicant submitted a catalogue of internal and external photographs for the library and the hub and details showing the fountain as existing and the proposed works to restore it. A level 2 Historic Buildings Report was also submitted. The Historic Environment Officer fully assessed the submitted information and was satisfied with the details. <u>Conclusion:</u> Discharge condition 3 of planning approval 4/23/2253/0L1.	
8.	Recommendation: Approve	
Case Officer: Sarah Papaleo		Date : 13/08/2026
Authorising Officer: N.J. Hayhurst		Date : 13/08/2026
Dedicated responses to:- N/A		